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SUBJECT: CONCERN OF CSC LEADER HOUTHUYS ABOUT US WITH-
DRAWAL FROM THE ILO

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1. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, AT 61ILC (JUNE 1976) CONFERENCE,
HOOTHUYS WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PREVENTING COMMITTEE ON
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APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IN-
CLUDING IN ITS REPORT A SPECIAL PARAGRAPH CRITICIZING
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. AT 63 ILC (JUNE 1977) CONFERENCE, IN SAME COMMITTEE,
HOOTHUYS INTRODUCED MOTION TO CLOSE OFF DEBATE ON CON-
DITIONS IN USSR AFTER ONLY THREE SPEAKERS (INCLUDING

USSR) HAD MADE PRESENTATIONS. ALTHOUGH MOTION WAS DEFEATED, ATMOSPHERE IN COMMITTEE WAS SO "CHILLY" TOWARDS FURTHER DEBATE THAT US WORKER (WHO HAD PREPARED A LENGTHY, WELL-DOCUMENTED PRESENTATION) SPOKE FOR ONLY FEW MINUTES. COMMITTEE REPORT CONTAINED "SPECIAL PARAGRAPH" ON USSR, BUT PARAGRAPH COULD HAVE BEEN STRONGER AND MORE TO THE POINT IF SHORTNESS OF DEBATE HAD NOT ENSUED. US WORKER ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS OVER-RULED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY HOUTHUYS, IN MEETINGS OF WORKER GROUP OF COMMITTEE. COMMENT: GIVEN

THIS BEHAVIOR BY HOUTHUYS, HIS CONCERN ABOUT US WITHDRAWAL SEEMS A LITTLE LATE.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND HOUTHUYS SUPPORTED (BY HIS REMARKS IN GENERAL DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE BEFORE SPECIFIC CASES WERE CONSIDERED) US POSITIONS ON A NUMBER OF MATTERS, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS AND THE EVALUATION OF COMPLIANCE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, OR SOCIAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN A PARTICULAR COUNTRY. (HIS SUPPORT OF THIS PRINCIPLE IS, OF COURSE, INCONSISTENT WITH THE NEGATIVE ROLE HE PLAYED DURING COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS OF USSR CASES.) HOUTHUYS' SPEECH IN PLENARY STRONGLY URGED ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORT AND INFERENTIALLY SUPPORTED THE US. WE AGREE WITH HIS OBSERVATION OF THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR FOR HIS INTERVENTION. VANCE
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